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In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroshi KASHINO et al.

Application No.: 10/537,169

Confirmation No.: 1116

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Art Unit: 1795

For: ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING  
ELEMENT FOR LIQUID FUEL CELL,  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,  
AND LIQUID FUEL CELL USING THE SAME

Examiner: B. P. Suitte

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**  
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AMOUNT OF REFUND  
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III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

**This fee relates to documents filed by Applicants on December 4, 2008. One of these documents was an Amendment wherein Applicants requested a clear copy of three of the initialed PTO SB-08 forms which were attached to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 4, 2009, and did not contain the wording inserted by the Examiner "ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH" (see copies attached). Applicants were not submitting a new IDS with new references, but were merely clarifying the Examiner's statement made on forms which were previously submitted.**

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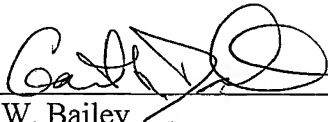
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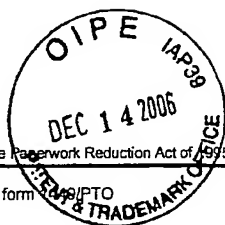
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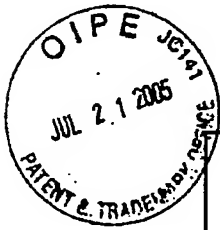
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